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### BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

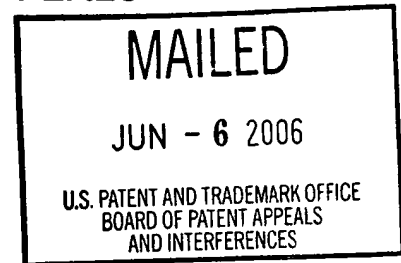
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Ex parte SOPHIE CHEN

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Application No. 10/072,823

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### ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 24, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

On April 16, 2006, appellant filed a Reply Brief. There is no indication on the record that the examiner considered this paper.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to:

- (1) consider the Reply Brief received April 17, 2006;
- (2) provide written notification to appellants of said consideration; and
- (3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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